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1. ONE OF JAPAN'S LARGEST DAILIES, SANKEI (CIRC. 1.8 MILLION), PLANS 120-ARTICLE SERIES ON JAPAN'S SECURITY STARTING OCTOBER AND DESIRES TO SEND FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR KUNIO SHIMIZU TO WASHDC FOR ONE-HOUR EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SECDEF SCHLESINGER.

2. SANKEI HAS EXPLAINED GENERAL THRUST OF SERIES AND GIVES IMPRESSION U.S. INTERESTS WILL BE FAVORABLY SERVED. ACCORDING TO SANKEI, SERIES WILL CONCLUDE THAT JAPAN'S SECURITY DEPENDS ON ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. AND MAINTENANCE OF U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO SANKEI REQUEST. SECY LAITON RECENTLY TALKED WITH PAO WILLIAM MILLER HERE RE WAYS TO FOLLOW-UP SECDEF'S SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO JAPAN, INCLUDING DESIRABILITY OF PERMITTING MORE JAPANESE JOURNALISTS TO MEET SECDEF.

4. SANKEI REQUESTS EARLY REPLY IN ORDER TO SET UP SHIMIZU TRIP TO WASHDC BEFORE YEAR-END AND ENABLE SPECIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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TREATMENT OF SECDEF INTERVIEW (Q&A FORMAT) PERHAPS IN

JANUARY FIRST EDITION.

5. QUESTIONS WILL BE SUPPLIED TO SECDEF IN ADVANCE.
SHIMIZU SPEAKS FAIR ENGLISH AND SAYS INTERPRETER NOT
NEEDED.

6. BIODATA: MR. KUNIO SHIMIZU, AGE 47. GRADUATE OF
TOKYO UNIVERSITY. ENTERED SANKEI 1954. SAIGON COR-
RESPONDENT 65-66. CHIEF, PARIS BUREAU 70-74.
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